MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

'That the Madras Minor Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Amendment Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1964), as amended by the Select Committee be taken into consideration'.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 15 were put and carried.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Long Title were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Minor Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Amendment Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1964), be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS—*cont.*

(5) THE MADRAS (TRANSFERRED TERRITORY) JENMIKARAM PAYMENT ABOLITION BILL, 1964.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation for the consideration of the Madras (Transferred Territory) Jenmikaram Payment Abolition Bill, 1964, by the Legislative Assembly.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(5) MADRAS (TRANSFERRED TERRITORY) JENMIKARAN PAYMENT ABOLITION BILL, 1964.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras (Transferred Territory) Jenmikaram Payment Abolition Bill, 1964 and move—

'That the Bill be taken into consideration'.

Sir, at the outset I wish to state that on further examination of the Bill, I think that it should go to the Select Committee and I understand the hon. Member, Sri Ponnappa Nadar, has given notice of an amendment and I will accept that amendment. Now I will briefly explain the clauses of the Bill first and the amendment can be moved later.

In moving the motion, I wish to explain briefly what jenmikaram is and the main provisions in the Bill.

In the Kanyakumari district and Shencottah taluk of the Tirunelveli district which were transferred to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State under the States Reorganization Act, 1956, there is in force a levy called jenmikaram on certain lands of jenmam tenure. This jenmikaram is levied under the provisions of the Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Act, 1071 (Travancore Act V of 1071), which is in force in Kanyakumari district and Shencottah taluk. The Jenmi and Kudiyan Act regulates the relationship between the jenmis and the kudiyans. According to the Jenmi

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and Kudiyan Act, the jenmis have no right, claim or interest in the jenmam lands except the right to receive the jenmikaram thereon and the kudiyans are deemed to be the owners of the lands subject only to the payment of jenmikaram. According to section 8 of the Travancore-Cochin Land Tax Act, 1955, the kudiyans have to pay basic tax to the Government, in addition to jenmikaram to the jenmis. The Bill seeks to abolish this jenmikaram payment and bring the jenmam lands on a par with other ryotwari lands.

Under the provisions of the Bill, the jenmikaram will be abolished with effect from the appointed day. In the case of individual jenmis, the Government will pay them as compensation, an amount equal to 10 times the aggregate of the annual amount of jenmikaram payable to them, after deducting 2½ per cent of the said amount as collection charges. In the case of jenmis who are religious, education or charitable institutions, the Government will pay them every fasli year, as tasdik allowance, an amount equal to the aggregate of the annual amount of jenmikaram payable to them after deducting 2½ per cent of the said amount as collection charges. The Bill also provides for the payment to the Government by the kudiyans, of contribution of an amount equal to 10 times the aggregate of the annual amount of jenmikaram payable by them. The above are the main provisions of the Bill. The other provisions are ancillary to the implementation of the above provisions.

It has been reported that there are 145 individual jenmis entitled to receive an annual jenmikaram of about Rs. 36,250 and 50 jenmi institutions entitled to receive an annual jenmikaram of about Rs. 10,250. The total amount payable as compensation to individual jenmis will thus be Rs. 3,62,500 less Rs. 9,060 being collection charges. As the amount is small, it is proposed to pay this amount in cash and in one lump sum. The total tasdik allowance payable, every year, to jenmi institution will be Rs. 10,250 less Rs. 250 being collection charges. The contribution recoverable from all the kudiyans will be Rs. 4,65,000. The multiple at which the contribution is to be collected from the ryots is the same as applied for working out compensation to individual jenmis.

Sir, I request the House to accept the motion.

Sri R. PONNAPPA NADAR : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, while

'That the Madras (Transferred Territory) Jenmikaram Payment Abolition Bill, 1964, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Members who considered the Madras (Transferred Territory) Ryotwari Settlement Bill, 1964'.

Sri T. P. ELUMALAI : Sir, I second the amendment.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The motion and the amendment are before the House for discussion.

Sri R. PONNAPPA NADAR : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, while welcoming the general provisions of the Bill, I would humbly submit that Chapter IV requires reconsideration. Chapter IV deals with the recovery of contribution from the Kudiyans. In the other

Bills that have been passed, there is no such provision. So, I would earnestly request the Government to consider whether this contribution should be recovered from the Kudiyans as the amount involved is very small. I would humbly plead that the concession that is shown in the other Bills may also be shown to the Kudiyans so far as this Bill is concerned. I request that the amendment may be accepted.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

" That the Madras (Transferred Territory) Jenmikaram Payment Abolition Bill, 1964, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Members who considered the Madras (Transferred Territory) Ryotwari Settlement Bill, 1964 ".

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for the sake of conformity with the rules, the Hon. Deputy Speaker may kindly read the names of Members of the Select Committee.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : All right. The following will be the members of the Select Committee :—

1. The Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman
2. The Hon. Sri V. Ramaiah
3. Sri A. Chidambaranatha Nadar
4. Pulavar K. Govindan
5. Sri M. V. Karivengadam.
6. Sri A. Kunjan Nadar
7. Sri S. Madhavan
8. Sri P. K. Mookiah Thevar.
9. Sri K. Narayanaswami Pillai
10. Dr. B. Natarajan
11. Sri R. Ponnappa Nadar
12. Sri G. Rajaram
13. Sri P. Ramachandran
14. Sri N. Shanmugasundaram
15. Sri A. R. Subbiah Mudaliar
16. Sri A. Swamidhas
17. Sri R. Thangavelu

Under sub-rule (1) of rule 99 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, Sri S. Venkataraman is appointed as the Chairman of the Select Committee.

1-20 p.m. The House will now adjourn and meet again at 8-30 a.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.